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capital. The nation is fortunate in having such a man in the van of its marching column in the important years which are just ahead.

New Books.

CHINA AND THE FAR EAST. Clark University Lectures. Edited by George H. Blakeslee, head of the Department of History. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Cloth, 455 pages. Price, \$2.00.

The Clark University Conference on the Far East will be memorable for having produced a series of readable and authoritative papers on Oriental questions. The subjects discussed were the Philippines and India, China, Japan, Manchuria and Korea from the point of view of economics, finance, diplomacy, government, social and religious life, world politics and military preparedness. The papers relating to the Philippines and India will be published in a journal that the University will soon issue for the purpose of dealing with the problems of civilization among the less developed peoples. Some of the papers relating to the other Oriental questions, especially to China, are reproduced in this volume. They are arranged and edited by Professor Blakeslee, who, under the authority of President Hall, organized the Conference. Professor Blakeslee is possessed of a thorough knowledge of the subjects treated and has real enthusiasm for making others want to know them. Although every writer contributed with his article a distinct personality, somehow the editor has succeeded, between his introductory essay and his editorial genius, in giving to the book a unity such as ordinarily is secured only when a piece of writing is done by a single hand. The authors are Dr. Archibald C. Coolidge, Hon. Chester Holcombe, Dr. F. W. Williams, T. F. Millard, H. B. Morse, John Foord, Dr. J. W. Jenks, Willard Straight, Dr. Hamilton Wright, Major Eben Swift, Dr. Amos P. Wilder, Mr. H. F. Merrill, Dr. D. Z. Sheffield, Prof. Harlan P. Beach, Dr. Edward C. Moore, President A. F. Griffiths, Dr. Kan-Ichi Asakawa, Dr. Jokichi Takamine, Hon. Horace N. Allen, Prof. George Trumbull Ladd and Rev. Ernest A. Hall. Crowell & Company have put out the book in attractive form. To the student or publicist who wants to bring his knowledge of Far Eastern questions down to date, the collection is especially serviceable.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION. By Mary Roberts Coolidge, Ph.D. New York: Henry Holt & Co. 1909. 531 pages.

Chinese exclusion is an interesting but exceedingly difficult question to write upon. Views upon it differ radically and feeling upon it is intense. Partisans of either side of it are sure to dispute facts presented or criticize theories advanced by their opponents, and no writer on either side goes unscathed. Those who are at variance over the matter are not simply a few economists, immigration experts, or sociologists trying to get or to change legislation by an appeal to Congress; but they are large classes of American people representing a powerful section of this country, the Pacific coast. They comprise labor organizations that seek to protect themselves from competition and commercial associations that hope to expand their trade, politicians who watch every opportunity to catch votes by proposing exclusion bills and unselfish citizens who demand justice for the China-

man on the broad ground of human rights. There are "Pikers," gangs of San Francisco boys of the hoodlum type, and foreigners less civilized than the rest—a varied group of people who are prejudiced, envious and riotous. These treat the Chinese shamefully. There are also said to be classes of men who protect the Chinese immigrant for a stated fee and officials who favor him when he is passing inspection if given handsome bribes. All these foes or friends of the Chinaman, the history of his early days of peace, when he was wanted in California, and of his latter days of trouble, when he is not desired there, the various restrictive treaties, oppressive laws and discriminating regulations that have at times been applied or now apply to him, together with the events that led to them and the speeches made for or against them, are given by Mrs. Coolidge with a fullness of detail such as to make her book a manual on the question. We have not time to trace her statements to their sources, nor do we undertake to be in every respect in accord with her views; but she is emphatically for fair play for the Chinese and has made out a case against this country, more particularly against the California agitator, who seems to be mainly responsible for our government's discriminations against them. If what she says is true, friends of internationalism, preachers of humanity and champions of human rights, indeed simple believers in law and order, ought to feel accused if they are not doing something to bring about a radical change in our treatment of the Chinese.

THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE. By John R. Spears. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1910. Cloth, 340 pages. Price, \$1.50 net.

Mr. Spears has given us the history of American shipping from the building of the pinnace "Virginia," in 1607, to the large ocean liners of our own time. The smuggler's boat, the pirate vessel, the privateer and the slaver of the early days all enter into the narrative as passing incidents in the evolution of merchant shipping, with its dangers and vicissitudes. Chapters on the development of the packet lines and clippers, on the growth of steam navigation, the latter telling of Fulton's trials, and on the practical problems confronting business men in the operation of deep water steamships, contain facts that the general reader will be glad to have brought together for him in entertaining form. The question of subsidizing the American merchant marine is treated briefly but in an interesting manner in the last chapter, which is confined to the period of depression in American shipping, the last fifty years.

ROUTLEDGE RIDES ALONE. By Will Lexington Comfort. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. 810 pages.

This unusual story is much above the ordinary novels constantly pouring from the press. The style is good,

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